

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE  
59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN KEN (KIM) HANSEN**, on January 26, 2005  
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Keith Bales (R)  
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)  
Sen. Lane L. Larson (D)  
Sen. Gerald Pease (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Jon Tester (D)

**Staff Present:** Annie Glover, Committee Secretary  
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 259, 1/21/2005; SB 277,  
1/21/2005  
Executive Action: None.

00:00:00 \_\_\_\_\_

**HEARING ON SB 259**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42**, opened the hearing on **SB 259**, Land transfer to public ownership requires noxious weed control plan.

00:04:31

**Proponents' Testimony:**

**Mr. Ed Tinsley, Lewis and Clark County Commissioner**  
**Mr. Tom Thompson, Lewis and Clark County Weed Board**  
**Mr. Bob Burns, Lewis and Clark County Weed Board**  
**Mr. Steve Johns, Lewis and Clark County Weed Board**  
**Mr. Bob Gilbert, President, Montana Weed Control Association**  
**Mr. Jeff Welborn, Montana Farm Bureau Board of Directors**  
**Mr. Jerry Marks, Missoula Weed Control District**  
**Ms. Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon**  
**Mr. Mike Volesky, Office of the Governor**  
**Mr. Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrower's Association**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

00:15:23

**Informational Testimony:**

**Mr. Lauren Frazier, Montana Department of Transportation**

00:16:40

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:46

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:26:57

**HEARING ON SB 277**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**SEN. DONALD STEINBEISSER (R), SD 19**, opened the hearing on **SB 277**, Special fuel users agricultural product temporary trip permit.

00:29:48

**Proponents' Testimony:**

**Mr. David Jacobson, Anheuser-Busch**

**Mr. Steve Snezek, Montana Grain Grower's Association**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

00:32:18

**Informational Testimony:**

**Mr. Lauren Frazier, Montana Department of Transportation**

00:32:54

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:54

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

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SEN. KEN (KIM) HANSEN, Chairman

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ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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